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LOST ART OF KIDNAPING

Longo case. Seven men and one sacrifices. woman were in the conspiracy. That the sex appeal might not mitigate the punishment of the men, the nine years.

A VICE IN SING SING

What is this latest thing we hear from that famed educational institution on the Hudson? It seems that District Attorney Cropsey, of Kings, comes right out and says that Wilinmate of Sing Sing, and persuaded them along to his brokers in Wall

Of course, we do not know who know how many of these earnest seekers of a higher life were reduced to penury and will leave prison penniless, nor how many will come out into the busy world with a war bride competence. These facts are denied

traordinary pressure, and are large importers, while industry in that as has the pro-German and anti-Brit
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once were—or were alleged to be—

National 1 mon-1 to one in Temple.

Socialist Party—Y. P. S. L., study class. \$11

E street northwest, 7:15 p. m.

Dance, Keane Council Assembly, Knights of ing here for coal. Germany is now and extensive coal mining areas on of that country and its allies.

It has been reported that a fleet to this country to carry away some fleet is likely to be kept pretty regularly in service.

These coal exports suggest the character of the industrial dislocation which has resulted from war the central powers with a blockade conditions. The fighting countries in the fullest sense of the term. are nowadays straining every nerve to keep their transportation facilities operating at the highest capac- mitted no longer to go slap-bang inity. They are buying coal, and skin- to Germany through the Scandinavning their properties; precisely as ian countries by the hundreds of certain speculative managements of millions of dollars. railways in this country have at times, in order to make good show- the experiment of the orders in ings of earnings, sacrificed their council to the American civil war plants by suspending maintenance principles and practices of complete work so far as possible.

tries will need cars and rails to re- French, and Italian fleets are going increased tonnages of coal.

IMPROVING THE COUNTRY'S BAR

The New York State Bar Association has undertaken to organize starved out the South. and press a movement for improvement of the country's bar by raising the requirement for admission been a deliberate policy by the Britto practice, and by measures to re- ish government to let go into Gerduce perjury.

It is urged that requirements for admission to practice are generally too lax; that in many States there pose of this "leak"—an enormous from Marlin. Tex. Following is an exKnights of Columbus—Carroll Council, meettoo lax; that in many States there pose of this "leak"-an enormous from Marlin, Tex. Following is an exare almost no requirements worthy leak, too-was to bankrupt Germany the name. Protest is especially by drawing out all her gold. leveled against the granting of certificates to men who take limited regarded by the allies as bankrupt C. Crawford and W. B. Crawford, \$1,000 courses in night schools.

consideration, that the way a man concluded that starvation will be a gets the education ought to be less stronger and a swifter weapon than each; important than the fact that he gets bankruptcy has been, the partial it. The man who works by day for blockade is to be made complete, it Marlin Lodge of Elks. \$1,000 a living, and grinds by night for an is going to have a very large effect named. education, is almighty liable to be a in this country.

The Washington Tinies ing practitioner than the one who ways trying to make mischief here comfortably works his way through in behalf of the Berlin war machine the four-year course of a law college will be at it again harder than ever. without the sacrifice of a day's com- Exporters who see their foreign By the Washington Times Company, fort. There ought to be better ways sales cut down by the closer blockto decide a man's proficiency than ade will add their angry protests. the examination of the diploma he But as a nation we shall not be able ham secured.

among its leaders an army of men self developed the principles and G. W. Santman Succumbs at who represent the old-fashioned rules of blockade to the very degree methods of getting education. It is which will now be applied by the alnot easily to be believed they will lies to strangle their enemies. unite, after serious consideration, in an effort to make their profession Of interest to the police of all the an aristocracy of the scions of world must be the one thing in the ready-made opportunity. It is alannual report of the New York police together likely that more bad lawdepartment for 1915—that there was yers are turned out from diploma that which had gone before; to pronot a single case of kidnaping re- factories than are passed by concorded in the year. Why kidnaping scientious examination boards sitin New York has lost its charm for ting on the qualifications of men that breed of blackmailers is prob- who possess the ambition to educate done. ably explained by the results in the themselves by hard work and severe

ANOTHER GERMAN MISTAKE

German sympathizers in the woman was let go. The seven men, United States seem to have made all convicted, received sentences another grave mistake when they ranging from twenty-five to forty- protested loudly and persistently over the archipelago, and it had the against the British conduct of the quasi-blockade against the central tion. empires. They insisted that it was an illegal and irregular proceeding, have elapsed, and the Democracy has and that the United States ought to in that time made a record of its insist on relaxation of the rigor own, in supervising the islands' gov-

with which it was managed. As a matter of fact, the allies' liam Willett dabbled in stocks as an been from the war's beginning re- mand early "emancipation" of the employment of their sea power has markably considerate of neutral Filipinos without assailing its own his fellow convicts to do likewise, commercial rights, and by the same achievements in governing them. So token correspondingly ineffective as the pressure for "emancipation" to its purpose of applying economic grows beautifully less, and the Filipressure against the Teutonic na- pino people are found to be less intions. It has involved so much leniwith what they paid. We do not ency for neutral commerce that it

But we do wish to protest against have persistently demanded that the criticism of that policy. this practice of exposing poor con- Washington Government make itthis practice of exposing poor convicts, many of them brought from unfavorable environment and ill calculated to withstand temptation, to the subtle lure of stock market speculation. This is an evil thing. Here are helpless convicts, trying earnestly to knit socks and run Sing Sing prison, deliberately brought into contact with one of the most insidious of vices.

Washington Government make itself the protagonist of Germany to the extent of requiring a further relaxation of blockade rules; and now the subtle lure of stock market speculation of blockade rules; and now the allies are determined to make a change not toward more leniency, but toward a more rigorous policy that yet shall be free from all uncertainty as to its international correctness. A formal blockade of Germany to the extent of requiring a further relaxation of blockade rules; and now the allies are determined to make a change not toward more leniency, but toward a more rigorous policy that yet shall be free from all uncertainty as to its international correctness. A formal blockade of Germany to the extent of requiring a further relaxation of blockade rules; and now the allies are determined to make a change not toward more leniency, but toward a more rigorous policy that yet shall be free from all uncertainty as to its international correctness. A formal blockade of Germany to the extent of requiring a further relaxation of blockade rules; and now the extent of requiring a further relaxation of blockade rules; and now the extent of requiring a further relaxation of blockade rules; and now the allies are determined to make a change not toward more leniency, but toward a more rigorous policy that the Filipino people are making it quite regardless of the politics of the Administration in Washington. In fact, a reading of this report shows that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuous content of the make of the making it of Chore and Musicians, John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, S. p. m. Cleut, S. Bonn Deliuding, S. p. m. Why, the first thing we know, some place of the contraband restrictions Harrison's regime is merely a con-

why, the first thing we know, some one will be teaching the boys to use that have been employed thus fair.

This means that all commerce with Germany will be forbidden instead of merely commerce in contraband restrictions and simpler of enforcement, and will be far more effective in applying pressure on Germany. It will, of course, be harder also on neutrals, but the neutrals have only themselves to thank, for they have been insistently unable to appreciate the consideration extended to them thus far.

It is good to see that after all of the contraband restrictions that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuation along the same lines that the progress under Governor thus the place of the contraband restrictions that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuation along the same lines that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuation along the same lines that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuation along the same lines that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuation along the same lines that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuation along the same lines that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuation along the same lines that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuation along the same lines that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuation along the same lines that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuation along the same lines that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuation along the same lines that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuation along the same lines that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuation along the same lines that the progress under Governor Harrison's regime is merely a continuation along the same lines that the progress under Governor Harr

in possession of the most valuable has been blindly unwilling to recog-full of troubles. They are more apnize that its efforts were certain to preciative of the advantage of re- Engles' Oyster Roast, Eagles' Home. \$ p. m. the continent, and the British mines make conditions worse rather than lationship to a great, peaceful power are unable to meet all the demands better for the German cause. The that insures them against participainternational law of blockade is so tion in the woes of a world at war. well defined, and the United States of fifty vessels will shortly be sent has so largely made and insisted uphas so largely made and insisted upon acceptance of that law, that this country will be robbed of all capactory. Saloniki, says another English D. m. Keith's Vaudeville, 2:15 and 8:15 p. in. Casino—"St. Elmo," 8:15 p. m. Casino—"St. Elmo," 8:15 p. m. Loew's Columbia—Photoplays, 10:30 a. m. 300,000 tons of coal, and that this country will be robbed of all capac- la Namur, Liege, et al? ity to serve Germanic interests.

A COMPLETE BLOCKADE NOW

The allies are going to cork up

This means that contraband as well as non-contraband will be per- bootees and full length skirts.

It means that with this shift from blockade, including the doctrine of After the war the European coun- the continuous voyage, the British,

> ing either to get in or to get out. It means that in fact as well as in name they are going to starve out the enemy, exactly as here in this country half a century ago the North

In the United States it is not realized very generally that there has Leaves Money to Many many large quantities of articles not directly essential to the Kaiser's

or as good as bankrupt, or whether It occurs, as result of even casual because the entente powers have lie

more serious-minded and hard-work. The noisy agitators who are allexecutor.

to get away from the fact that the The bar of this country includes Government of the United States it-

THE PHILIPPINE EVOLUTION

When the present Administration came into power its Congressional leaders were in position to criticise claim important reforms that they were going to undertake; to criticise whatever their predecessors had

In no direction was this comfor-In no direction was this comfor-table freedom from responsibility for grandsons, survive him. the past more apparent than as concerned the administration of the Philippine Islands. Legislation was was a native of Maryland and entered introduced, looking to the gradual loosing of this country's sovereignty vigorous support of the Administra-

But it did not pass. Three years ernment. It is disposed to defend that record, to insist that it has done sistent on their "freedom."

This is the natural development has allowed the neutrals adjacent to from responsibility. It is easy, from Germany to become bases of supplies for that country, from all parts of the world.

If the German sympathizers had understood the real situation they understood the real situation they gradually turning into defenders of would have been glad to keep still a Philippine policy that now is their and not force a change. Instead, they own, and the Republicans turning to

Saloniki, says another English

The opposition to this hyphen thing has reached the point where nobody seems to want even an ex prefixed to his title.

The height of sartorial inconsistency now looms up in the fur-topped

There ought to be some law against this wanton wholesale killing. The original Uncle Tom is dead again for the third time in five

Now it's up to the White House to deny that Colonel House is running opposition to H. Ford.

Anyway, that peace cruise will acstore their plants; and we shall be to plug the neck of the Teutonic complish a lot if certain persons we Masonic-Lodges: National, No. 12, theater selling more of these instead of the bottle tight against everything try- could name take up a permanent residence in Europe.

> One idea of preparedness is to start writing that Washington's Birthday speech now.

copy of the will of Basil C. Clark, fortract of the will: To his wife, Sallie Clark, \$150,000; to

Mrs. Mary Crosby, D. T. Iglehart, Frank Whether because Germany is now Iglehart, Mrs. Fannie Iglehart, Howard each. To the Presbyterian, Episcopal, lic. and Christian churches of Marlin, \$1,000 each, and to the Eaptist and Methodist churches, also of Marlin, \$2.00

each: to the public white schools, \$10.00, and the negro schools, \$1.0.0 for beneficiaries are named, among them Bradley J. Linth-cum, his nephew, who was employed by him at Marlin, who is also named

VETERAN RAILROADER PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Home of Son-With B. & O. Thirty-eight Years.

G. W. Seniman, who for thirty-eight years was connected with the Baltimore and Ohio railroad on its Maryland di vision, died at 10:30 o'clock last night at the home of his son. Willoughby Santman, 3017 Dent place northwest. Mr. Santman bad been ill for more than a week of pneumonia, and fo three days had been sinling rapioly He was seventy-three years old. His on, who is agent of the Baltimore and

Mr. Santman was stricken with the grip while on a visit to his son, and this developed into pneumonia. He was a native of Maryland and entered the service of the Ealtimore and Ohlinalized as a young man. He won rapid promotion and for many years was agent of the road at Marinsburg. W. Va. He retired eight years ago, at the age of sixty-five, to return to his farm, at Halfway, in Frederick county. Funeral services will be held at the home of his son Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday morning the body will be taken to Bakersville, Md., where interment will be made.

Meeting, Vermont State Association, at the Washington Club, 8 p. m. Meeting, Monday Evening Club, Y. M. C. A. Grounds, 2 p. m.
Meeting, East Washington Citizens' Association, East Washington Hall, 8 p. m.
Lecture, 'Rio de Janeiro the Beautiful,'
Newman Travel-talks, Helasco, 4:30 p. m. ciety, 418 Bond building, 8 p. m. Dance, Land Office Employes, the Home

as has the pro-German and anti-Britonce were—or were alleged to be—
ish element in the United States. It to be turned loose in a world very columbus, K. of C. hall, 9 p. m.
Reval Arcanum—Installation of afficers of

Schiller," 8:15 p. m. Belasco-Mile. Dazie in "Maid in America," 8:29 p. m. Poli's-"Tess of the Storm Country," 8:15

Tomorrow.

Banquet, New Jersey Society, Rauscher's, P. m. Election of officers, Home Club, 4:30 to p. m. Address, "The World War and the Future of Address, "The World War and the Fiture of the Socialist Internationality," Alexandra Kallontay, before Socialist Party, Pythian Temple, 8:15 p. in. Illustrated lecture, "The Necessity of Water Power Development," Henry F. Pierce, New National Museum, 8:30 p. in. Address, "The Navy's Trophy Flags," Prof. H. C. Washburn, before District Sons of the Revolution, Army and Navy Club, 8:15 p. m.

p. m.
Address, "Laws of the District Relating to
Housekeepers," Miss Mary O'Toole, Lefore
members of Housekeepers Alliance, Home
Club, 2:30 p. m.
Ladles' night entertainment, Kallipolis
Grotto, Raleigh, 8 p. m.
Meeting, Perworth Citizens' Association, Petworth M. E. Church, 7:30 p. m. Address
by S. W. Stratton, 3 p. m. worth M. E. Church, by S. W. Stratton, S. P. m.
Annual meeting, Retail Merchants' Association, Raieigh, S. P. m.
Paper, "The Origin of Superstitions," Dr.
Tom A. Williams, before Anthropological
Society of Washington, lecture hall, Public Masonic-Lodges: National, No. 12, theater party: Arminius, No. 25, business: Myron M. Parker, No. 27, M. M. Royal Arch Chapters: La Fayette, No. 5, election of officers: Washington Naval, No. 6, grand visitation. Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite: Mithras Lodge of Perfection, business: Robert de Bruce Council, Knights Kodash, twenty-fourth degree, full moremontal, Kallinolis Grotto, Veilind Prophets, ladies' night, Raleigh Hotel.

Eastern Star-Mizpah, No. 8; Fidelity, No. 18, pacial.

Who submarined that resolution?

Leaves Money to Many

Denominations in Will

ELLICOTT CITY. Md., Jan. 17.—A

copy of the will of Basil C. Clark, forcil at Perpetual Building Hall, ocialist Party-Lecture, Pythian Temple.

> ing to receive report of committee on la-dies' night. dies night.
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> Annual show, Capital Poultry and Pigeon
> Association, Arcade, afternoon and evening,
> Washington, Cat. Show in conection with
> poultry, exhibiting Washington Car policy of Washington Com-meeting Gaelic Society of Washington Com-stock Studio, 1540 New York, avenue northstock Studio, 1840 New Long, Frederick E. Sp. m. rogram for the blind, Mrs. Frederick E. Knelo. Miss Katherine Backer, and Miss Georgia Miller, Library of Congress, 8:15

deeting, Association of Collegiate Alumnae. me Cinh, 4 p. m.

coss "Bleeding France," Mrs. Ida Gibbs
ont, before Bethel Literary and Historical
sociation, A. M. E. Church, M. street,
ween Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets een Fifteenin and swest, S.p. m. swest, S.p. m. Credit," Carl C. Mueller, rs. "Kinds of Credit," Carl C. Mueller,

Bulgar Shells Burst Along Allied Line Of Retreat From Serbia IN AID OF DEFENSE

"They Never Shoot at Single Man, It's Too Expensive," Little French Soldier Tells Correspondent Amid Hills North of Greece as Troops Began to Fall Back to Saloniki.

Following is the fourth installment of William . G. Shepherd's uncensored story of the allied retreat from Serbia,

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD, United Press Staff Correspondent.

SALONIKI, Dec. 11.-A French soldier in a steel hat stopped and looked at us curiously as we walked along the road.

"Excuse me," he said in broken English, "but it's so long since I've seen a man in clothes like yours that I couldn't help staring."

The big British gun was booming at two-minute intervals. French guns, set on nearby hillsides, were sending occasional shots and once, while we talked, a Bulgarian shell broke on the road a quarter of a mile below us, and we saw soldiers running from the cloud of earth. It was a battlefield, in every sense of the word, a battlefield which, within twenty-four hours was to be the scene of an ally retreat. Incidentally, I wonder what became of the little Frenchman?

FIRST SIGN OF RETREAT.

"Civilian clothes seem extraordinary," he said. "Have some chocoate?"

He pulled an envelope from his "Just to be ready, if we go," they exnary," he said. "Have some chocopocket, with a postage stamp and an plained.
On a fire outside the dug-out was a

rumor is going around our camp. They say we are going to fall back to the Greek border. Haven't you heard nything about it back in Saloniki?"
I hadn't. His question was the first ign of the coming retreat. On this sign of the coming retreat. spot, the very next day, dead British and French soldiers were to lie among the holly shrubs and Bulgars were to

Wasting Ammunition.

"All this artillery firing makes me laugh today. That big English gun isn't hitting anything, and there are hree Bulgarian batteries over there that haven't hit anywhere near anyody. They ought to send word to each other about how far they're missing. If 'they don't help each other out they'll waste an awful lot of am-

He had to be going at last. Would walk along the road with him?

"Right around the turn here some of the Bulgarian shells are well salmed," he said. "They're paying a good deal of attention to this turn this bulgar that passed singly formation to know the same of the Government will have at hand in the company to the compan

an excuse and return to the ravine. My foot started however, and then right foot started, however, and we started the party less said that one of the back at the automobiles the back at the back at the automobiles the back at the ba the hill. Below us was the valley of Costorino; across it four miles away. We were the hills where the Bulgarians back We all put two and two towere. A few soldiers were on the road, I walking singly.

Rum and Coffee.

"Along here you may get a shell any time," said the Frenchman. "I have to walk along here a dozen times a day to get to my dug-out from the kitchen back there in the ravine. Want to see my dug-out?"
I did; and a quarter-mile walk along the road brought us to a little ravine

address on it.

"This is something I got in the mail from Paris today."
I took a small piece of his precious chocolate.

"Have you heard that we're going to move from here?" he said. "The the cold, too."

On a fire outside the dug-out was a tin pail, with steaming contents, it wasn't coffee; it wasn't rum. It was half and half. I must have two drinks of it. It had an awful buzz in it.

"We got two dippers full of whisky every day," explained a soldier. "And we need it in the cold, too."

Lost Main Party. I figured it out as amounting to a

quart of wine and three 15-cent drinks "Are you a tourist?" asked one

sign of the coming retreat. On this spot, the very next day, dead British and French soldiers were to lie among the holly shrubs and Bulgars were to charge with bayonets, shouting their cry of "Ne pret, Ne Nosh."

"It's been col', here," explained the soldier, "but I've been healthier than I've ever been before in my life. Why, when the war began I couldn't stand any hardship, If I wasn't in bed by 10 o'clock every night' I suffered all day for it. I had indigestion terribly Now, I haven't slept in a bed for five months and I eat anything, anything, and enjoy ... War beats pills, I tell you.

"Are you a tourist?" asked one of the Frenchmen.

"Mon Dieu, you silly!" exclaimed his friend. "What would a tourist be doing here? He's a newspaper men."

I explained that six of us had been brought out to the battlefield and that I had lost the main party, but that we were to gather again at the waiting automobile at 5 o'clock.

"Well, it's time to go, then," said my friend, looking at his wrist watch. "Good luck to you," they all said, as I went away. I wished them good luck, too, for they needed it more than I did.

What happened to these French

What happened to these French rouses twenty-four hours later when the Pulgarian rush began, I don't know. Was all the new health of the little French soldier—the new health of which he was so proud—ended by a which he was so proud-ended by a Bulgarian bullet or a Bulgarian bayonet thrust?

Ready For Retreat.

On the hillside, as I returned, perhaps a hundred yards from the French battery which topped the hill, another Bulgarian shell burst.

"They never shoot a shell at a single It was like getting ready to jump into a cold bath to start off with him. I knew that after I got my feet to working they would carry me along but the hard part was not to make human Bulgarians counted it at less than

back. We all put two and two to-gether, on the way back, remembered all the signs we had seen during the day—the fugitives, the trains bound

The plans provide for fulfilling in "The allies are getting ready to re-Later in the evening we found out

that we were right. (The next installment in the

series will appear later.)

WILSON PLANS TO **JOIN ALL INDUSTRIES**

New Mobilization System to Enlist Every Factory That Can Make War Supplies.

RAILROADS ALSO A FACTOR

Scientific Engineers to Unite in Gigantic System Like That of Germany. /

The Secretary of the Navy has just made public details of the plans of President Wilson and himself for mobilizing the industrial resources of the country, including transportation, in time of war. That these plans were to be formulated was announced yesterday through the medium of a letter from President Wilson to W. L. Saunders, of New York, president of the American Institute of Mining Ea-gineers, in which the society was ask-ed to nominate a representative from its membership for each State of the Union to act in conjunction with rep-resentatives from four other technical societies to assist the naval consulting board in the work of collecting data for use in organizing the manufacturing resources of the country for the public service in case of emergency. The four other technical organizations which are asked to concrete are the American Society of operate are the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Ameri-can Institute of Electrical Engineers, can Institute of Electrical Engineers, and the American Chemical Society. In his annual address to Congress on December 7 President Wilson indicated that he might ask for a small appropriation to carry into effect the suggestion he made for arranging to mobilize the economic resources of the country in some time of resident the country in any time of national necessity. The invitation to the five technical societies to co-operate with the Government to that end is the outcome of recent consideration given o the best means of adopting the plan which the President had in mind when he prepared his address.

Plan In Operation.

The details of the plans for industrial has already been put into operation in part through the committee on production, organization, manufacture and standardization of the naval consulting standardization of the naval consulting board. Members of the five technical societies are serving on the naval consulting board, and a representative of each society is a member of this committee. The committee has had several meetings, and after consulting with Secretary Daniels outlined the plans which were stated in President Wilson's letter to President Saunders, and the presidents of other technical organizations. were stated in Fresident Wilson's letter to President Saunders, and the presi-dents of other technical organizations. Briefly, the plans contemplate the gathering of information that will en-able the Government to know instantly able the Government to know instantly in case of war just where it can obtain all the additional supplies that it will need to provide for its military and navaliforces the sinews of war—munitions. clothing, foods, and the host of other things that would be required to equip an army. In addition, the number of locemotives and railroad cars, both passenger and freight, will be ascertained from the railroads, and to a certain extent formation that will enable n advance how

Like German System.

The plans approximate those which Germany has had in operation for many years. In his statement Secretary Danthe battle ground. Every one of us ent reference to Germany, "is utilizing had heard from some soldier that the about 50 per cent of its industries in navy.

Greece—and finally we agreed on part at least, the dream of military and naval officers in this country who were impressed for a long time prior to the European conflict with the advantage of the German system of making industrial resources capable of imliate mobilization in the event of

hostilities. MURDER MYSTERY IN FEBRUARY ARGOSY

New Serial and Other Interesting Features With Fve Short Stories in Number.

"Why There Was a Murder on Pearl Street" is the feature book-length novel of the February Argosy, and it is as engrossing a mystery of fortunes won and lost and romances wound about them as one wants to find. Young Peter Ken-nedy, deprived of his inheritance by old Peter's unfortunate speculations. and by the same stroke separated from the girl of his choice, takes to the stage as a career. There he becomes involved

Five short stories. "A Motion Picture Waterloo." by J. L. Sherard: "Kidnap-ing the Bridegroom." by George M. A. Cain: "Oh! The Military!" by Joseph Ivers Lawrence: "You'd Never Guess t." by Charles Carey, and "A Child of Necessity," by Everard Jack Appleton.

make up the rest of the issue PREPAREDNESS THEME OF SECURITY CONGRESS

Eminent Speakers Will Discuss Question in Light of

Eminent speakers will discuss the var-Eminent speakers will discuss the various phases of preparedness with especial reference to the United States in the light of world politics, at the National Security Congress which will open at the New Willard Hotel on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The sessions of the congress will continue on the mornings and afternoons of Friday and Saturday. Eric Fisher

World Politics.

of Friday and Saturday. Eric Fisher Wood, who acquired fame with the aid of his book on the early stage of the control of the the great European war, and his lec-tures on the same subject and national preparedness is secretary of the con-gress, and will be one of the principal

paper only; must not exceed 200 words in length, and must be signed with name and address of the sender. The publication of letters in The Times' Mail Bag does not mean the indorsement by The Times of the opinions of the writer. The Mail Bag is an open forum, where the citizens of Washington may argue moot questions.

Protests Hole At H and I Streets. him a little work so he could get To the Editor of THE TIMES: The most hideous eyesore, the most

It is bounded on three sides by Vermont avenue, H and I streets. Here for years has existed a horrid, ugly, disgusting hole of vast proportions and caverneus depth. It is fenced in but not concealed. This fence in violation of law and right pre-empts not only the entire sidewalk on Vermont avenue from H to I, but also a portion of the roadway. The thousands who have witnessed this spectacle and suffered from the resultant inconveniences and hardships wonder for hew many years longer the District Commission.

It is bounded on three sides by Vermont avenue, H and I streets. Here for years has existed a horrid, ugly, dissenting the laws nearly home, the tramp and—the murder, through whose mazes George Foxhall, the author, leads one to an unexpected conclusion.

"I want you to saw some wood. I have a replied. "I will be at your house as soon as I set my dinner."

Now, these fellows who want to fight so bad, if Uncle Sam would say, "Come on, boys," would say. "Castles in the Air." by Castles in the Air. The Brides of Sana. "Areasy II." in the mystery of another woman's life. and the murder. The said and the murder. The said a longer the District Commissioners purpose to permit its continuance, gentlemen with their corporation counwho is supposed to advise them as to law and equity, appear to have abundant time at their disposal. They and he ever since they have been in semblages of cranks and populistic rather than to expectoration on sideincorrists, etc., etc., giving utterance to crude and undigested views on the
science of government, municipal and otherwise. If they would give a little
more time to their duties and let questions of political economy alone, questions of which they know little, if anything, it might be better for the community, and at any rate they would be
doing something to earn their salaries.

Tather than to expectoration on sidewalks, streets, etc. A visit to places
where people congregate in numbers
sught to be convincing. The coughing,
sneezing, and spitting in all such places
is a menace. Rules should be laid down
tion and fumigation.

A. C. LIEBLER.

Washington, January 15. doing something to earn their salaries. Can you not induce them to take a little time off from speechmaking, and

at least mitigate, if they cannot abdish, the monstrosity on Vermont avenue, F. A. RICHARDSON.
Washington, Jan. 7. They Would Fight "After Dinner."

o the Editor of THE TIMES: The fellows who are a'ways abusing President Wilson's foreign policy remind me of a tramp I once met. I was tions with Great Britain? on my way home to dinner when the ragged creature asked if I could give

meal, saying he had no supper or break-fast and dinner was not in sight. I said. "Come along with me, I will give diegraceful and inexcusable disfigurewent to be found in this Capital City of
the United States lies in its very heart.

When I was nearly home, the tramp

Fresh Air Needed To Ward Off Grip. To the Editor of THE TIMES:

Apropos of the influenza, grip, and tuberculosis talk now going the rounds, office, have been continually running arcond to meetings of citizens' associations, tract societies, Sunday school celebrations, anti-saloon shrickers, assemblages of cranks and populistic and populistic rather than to expectoration on sideproper authorities to the fact that the spread of communicable diseases is due

How About Our Senators?

the Editor of THE TIMES: I wonder if our worthy Senators who were so indignant over those United States citizens who endanger the peace States citizens who changed the United States by embarking on the United S belligerent liners feel the same holy scorn at the thought of those good merchants of ours who insist upon their

right to send contraband through to Germany, thus endangering our rela-THOMAS PORTER MILLER.

Washington, January 14.